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## REMARKS

Upon entry of the foregoing amendment, claims 20-27 and 55 are pending in the application. Of the pending claims, claims 20 and 55 are independent.

## I. Allowed Claims

The Examiner has indicated that claims 20-27 and 55 are allowed. Applicant has cancelled the remaining claims of the application. Therefore, Applicant respectfully submits the present application is in condition for issuance of a Notice of Allowance. If there are remaining matters that the Examiner believes must be addressed prior to the issuance of a Notice of Allowance, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the number provided.

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